(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A circular was issued in 1993 itself to institutes training candidates for C.O.P. Examinations, informing of the need for introduction of GMDSS Certificates and Government's intention to implement the same.

Establishment of an Asian Economic Community

1553. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a national seminar on globalisation held in New Delhi on 21st December, 1994 a unanimous demand was made for constitution of an Asian Economic Community to strengthen trade and economic ties; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Media reports about the seminar referred to by the Honourable Members have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The Government is in favour of strengthening economic and trade cooperation among the Asian countries through bilateral, regional and multilateral mechanisms. However, no proposal with regard to formation of an Asian Economic Community is presently under Government's consideration.

Setting up of Scrap Management Group

1554. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scrap management group has been set up in the Railway Board to monitor disposal of scrap;

(b) whether the railways have maximised their income by disposing off its scrap material;

(c) if so, the details of venue earned during the last three years, Zone-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached. *(See below)*

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Setting up of Scrap Management Group

Revenue earnings from scrap disposal zone-wise during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Railway	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Central	101.72	110.52	115.72
Eastern	89.03	95.65	117.10
Northern	117.56	134.63	180.21
North Eastern	21.44	32.12	42.68
Northeast Frontier	14.02	21.86	25.61
Southern	57.37	97.36	135.31
South Central	75.35	103.66	116.37
South Eastern	87.02	106.33	120.89
Western	90.16	109.81	121.10
Total	653.67	811.94	974.99
Production Units	25.27	37.74	42.76
Grand Total	678.94	849.68	1017.75

मंत्री के विवेकाधीन कोटे के अंतर्गत पेट्रोल पंपों और गैस एजेंसियों का आवंटन

1555. श्री रामजी लाल: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत दो वर्षों में सरकार द्वारा मंत्री के विवेकाधीन कोटे के अन्तर्गत कितने पेट्रोल पम्प, गैस एजेंसियां तथा गैस कनेक्शन जारी किए गए

(ख) गांवों और शहरों में उनका कितना-कितना आवंटन हुआ,